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31 May 1962

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

Minutes of
Two-hundred-seventeenth Meeting
United States Intelligence Board
USIB Conference Room
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1030 hours, 31 May 1962

Acting Director of Central Intelligence
Lieutenant General Marshall S. Carter
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Huntington Sheldon, Acting Deputy Director (Intelligence), Central Intelligence Agency

Mr. Roger Hilsman, Director of Intelligence and Research, Department of State

25X1 acting for Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

Major General Alva R. Fitch, Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army

Rear Admiral Vernon L. Lowrance, Assistant Chief of Naval Operations (Intelligence), Department of the Navy

Brigadier General Jack E. Thomas, acting for Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, United States Air Force

Vice Admiral Laurence H. Frost, Director, National Security Agency

Brigadier General William G. Lee, Jr., acting for Director for Intelligence, Joint Staff

Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative to USIB

Mr. Alan Belmont, Federal Bureau of Investigation representative to USIB

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1. Scheduling of Next
Regular USIB Meeting

a. Agreed that the 6 June USIB meeting should be cancelled since it would not be possible for the DCI, DDCI, and certain other principal Board members to attend a meeting on that date.

b. Agreed that the Watch Committee Report and Weekly Survey of Cold War Crisis Situations for that week would be cleared with Board principals (or their designees) by appropriate representatives, prior to publication in final form.

c. Agreed, in order to meet an urgent State Department requirement, that during that same week USIB representatives would similarly clear and obtain approval from their respective principals (or designees) of SNIE 69-62, "Rwanda and Burundi after Independence".

d. Agreed that the next regular USIB meeting should be scheduled for 13 June at the usual time (1030).

2. Report by USIB Ad Hoc Panel
on Status of Soviet ICBM Program

Agreed, in view of the above cancellation of the 6 June USIB meeting, that USIB members (or representatives) together with the members of GMAIC and other designated individuals would meet with the USIB Ad Hoc Panel (Hyland Panel) on the Status of the Soviet ICBM Program at 1030 on 6 June for a briefing and discussion of the Panel's findings with respect to that program. General Carter advised that Dr. Scoville would preside at that session as the DCI's representative.

3. Approval of Minutes
23 May Meeting
(USIB-M-216, including Annex
distributed through special channels)

Approved as circulated, including the Special Annex.

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4. Situation Review

a. Watch Committee Report
No. 617

Approved as amended, subject, however, to review and clearance by each Board principal, prior to final publication, of a re-draft of pages 10 through 15 in the 29 May Committee text, which was distributed at the meeting.

b. Weekly Survey of Cold War
Crisis Situations, No. 22-62
(Memorandum for USIB, 29 May)

Approved as amended.

5. USIB-S-29.6/1, 22 May
(Distributed through special channels)

(Board action on this item is carried in a Special Annex to these minutes.)

6. SIGINT Committee Charter,
Including a Definition of
SIGINT
(USIB-S-4.2/1, 18 May)

Approved as submitted. *

7. USIB-S-9.3/2, 28 May
(Distributed through special channels)

(This item is carried in the Special Annex to these minutes.)

*The Secretariat will arrange for printing and distribution of this document in appropriate form.

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8. Release of Estimates to
Certain Foreign Governments

- a. NIE 11-6-62
Trends in Soviet Science
and Technology
(Memorandum for USIB, 28 May)

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(1) Agreed to release this estimate [redacted]
[redacted] subject to deletion of the "Foreword" and the
last sentence in footnote one on page three of the paper.

(2) Agreed to release this estimate to the Administrator, National
Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

- b. NIE 11-2-62
The Soviet Atomic Energy
Program

Agreed that a Top Secret version of NIE 11-2-62 analagous to
NIE 11-2A-61 could be released to the Administrator, NASA, when available
and approved by USIB. *

- c. Sanitized Version of
Conclusions to
NIE 13-2-62
Chinese Communist Advanced
Weapons Capabilities
(Memorandum for USIB, 24 May;
USIB-M-213, item 8.b.)

(1) Agreed to release [redacted] the sanitized "Intelligence
Memorandum" version of the Conclusions to NIE 13-2-62. In this connection
the Board also agreed that this release could be effected through both intel-
ligence and diplomatic channels.

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*The Secretariat has been advised that at an early date JAEIC will submit
proposals regarding preparation of various versions of NIE 11-2-62 to USIB
for approval.

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9. Additional Paragraphs
to SNIE 58-5-62
Probable Communist Reaction to
Certain Possible US Actions with
respect to Laos

Approved, as amended, certain additional paragraphs to this special estimate as it had been approved initially by USIB on 23 May (USIB-M-216, item 5), with the understanding that the new materials would be incorporated in the final printed version of the paper.

10. NIE 31-62
The Prospects for India

- a. Approved as amended.
- b. Noted, as circulated, the finding in the Post-Mortem to this estimate.
- c. Noted the Validity Study on NIE 51-60, "The Outlook for India", which had been circulated to the Board with the draft text of NIE 31-62.
- d. No member raised objection to the release to USIA of NIE 31-62.

11. COMOR Proposal (Restricted Session)
(COMOR-D-2/14, 22 May,
COMOR-D-2/15, 25 May,
available through COMOR representatives)

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- a. Noted COMOR-D-2/15.
- b. Concurred in the conclusions and recommendations contained in COMOR-D-2/14, with the understanding that General Carter would make Board views on this matter known to the Special Group at its meeting on the afternoon of 31 May.

*This paper as prepared for release will be circulated to USIB for information and record purposes.

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